

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Cllrs: L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Saunders and G Smith

Cllr Mrs J Sewart arrived at 8.20pm

Attending under SO 56: Cllr M Beanland

Also attending under SO 54: Cllr L Podmore (substituting for Cllr S J Gilmore)

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Town Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

1. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

2. Questions from members of the public

Mrs Davies, a resident addressed the committee to raise concerns about the junction at Chester Road and Woodford Road. The traffic turning into Woodford Road from the direction of Poynton have to use the filter lane to turn right however those road markings are in very poor condition and barely visible. It is dangerous because vehicles travelling in the opposite direction along Chester Road are not aware of the junction. Mrs Davies has received a response from Cheshire East Council which states level 3 repairs and resurfacing will take place early in the new financial year. Mrs Davies asked when those works would be likely. To continue with the road in this current state is unacceptable. Mrs Davies also asked about the wide grass verge at the junction where vehicles turn left out of Woodford Road into Poynton and asked if it would be possible to have the road widened by removing part of the grass verge. Mrs Davies agreed that the new A6 MARR Road has helped in terms of the volume of traffic but this remains a busy junction. It is also a difficult junction for pedestrians and Mrs Davies suggested a pedestrian refuge is installed on Woodford Road (at the Poynton end).

It was noted that the issues raised are being pursued by councillors. A direct meeting with Mrs Davies and the ward councillors would be beneficial. Members agreed that full resurfacing road works are required.

*Cllr Mrs Sewart joined the meeting at 8.20pm*

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a direct meeting of Mrs Davies with the two Cheshire East Council West Ward councillors (NC)**

Mr Carmichael and Mr Bacon represent the friends of Deva Park who have raised significant funds for the replacement of the park equipment. They addressed the meeting with regard to access from the Bird Estate; the community cannot access the park facilities because the road crossings are not fit for purpose and unsafe. Mr Carmichael spoke about British Cycling and the aim to encourage an active society. Mr Bacon explained that £54,000 was raised for the park facilities and that additional funds might be available from British Cycling but the criteria includes that the facilities need to be accessible by the surrounding communities. However, due to the lack of crossings, the current situation would not meet the eligibility criteria. There needs to be consideration of active travel as a whole for Poynton.

The Chair confirmed that Cheshire East Council are the decision making authority. The residents explained that Cheshire East Council have informed them that an assessment of the road crossing was made in 2017 and again more recently. Cheshire East Council have confirmed that there is no change from the assessment made in 2017 and no change is required to the road. The residents are unsatisfied with the response and have written to Cheshire East Council to raise further concerns and queries with regard to the assessment.

The Chair provided residents with the LT notes; guidance from the Department for Transport to assist.

Members acknowledged and fully understand the issues raised; the crossing island does not provide enough space for pedestrians crossing the road. From discussion, it was noted that S106 monies have been identified to improve the BMX track at Deva Park.

Another member of the public also addressed members to explain that their relative fell at the road crossing at the Bird Estate and now suffers from dementia triggered by the fall. The refuge is inadequate for vulnerable adults, children and parents crossing with strollers.

Members suggested that there is a meeting arranged with the residents for a full and frank discussion on the challenges raised at this meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a joint meeting of the residents with the two Cheshire East Council West Ward councillors and to liaise with the portfolio holder (NC)**

3. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S J Gilmore and M Sewart.

4. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

5 Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 are approved (NC)**

6. Receive and consider the report for 25th February 2019 to 23rd April 2019 from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager spoke on the written report.

Members expressed their thanks for the efforts to resolve issues at Hockley Park.

Barnaby Park; the Clerk explained that the park is not included on the Poynton Town Council schedule of assets. There are challenges with regard to the ownership of the park which are complicated by the locking and unlocking arrangements and inspection of the park equipment. Members agreed that the issue of responsibility needs to be resolved.

**RESOLVED: That the report for 25th February 2019 to 23rd April 2019 from the Operations Manager is received. That advice is sought by the Clerk on the issue of responsibility with regard to Barnaby Park and clarified as a matter of urgency. That Paul Bayley at Cheshire East Council is contacted by the Clerk to find out the relevant contact person with regard to assets (NC)**

7. Receive and consider a request for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on parks and open spaces from Poynton and District Rotary Club for 15th June 2019

**RESOLVED: That the request for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on parks and open spaces from Poynton and District Rotary Club for 15th June 2019 is approved. That there is a note of thanks included stating that the Poynton and District Rotary Club maintain their good standards (NC)**

8. Receive and note the income and expenditure report for the quarter for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

The Clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report for the quarter for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee and noted the following areas of significant variance:

- Supervisor salaries are higher than budget and the Civic Hall hirers are also higher.
- Gas costs are higher than budget; the Clerk is undertaking a full review of gas and electricity costs including both suppliers and in terms of ensuring good practice is robust such as switching equipment on and off.
- General maintenance includes the cost of moving costs for new furniture and a new safe that was donated to the Civic Hall.
- Some new stage lights have been purchased for the hall.
- Energy charges for street lights is significantly above budget due to an error by EON which resulted in higher charges.
- Allotment costs were high due to a large water bill in the summer as a result of the very dry weather.
- Although the year to date expenditure was higher than budget, the income was substantially higher. This was due to not only the increased Civic Hall hirings but also the reimbursement on the business rates.

**RESOLVED: That the income and expenditure report for the quarter for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee is received and noted (NC)**

9. Approve the purchase of two defibrillators

The Clerk spoke on the purchase of two defibrillators which is part of a larger project to install defibrillators in all six phone boxes in Poynton. Donations of £6,291.80 have been received and to date expenditure of £2,906.98 has been incurred for the purchase and installation of the two defibrillators. £3,384.82 is available and has been transferred into a new earmarked reserve fund.

The Operations Manager has researched available makes and two quotes were originally obtained. In discussion with North West ambulance service, the Operations Manager recommends that Zoll defibrillators are purchased, which are the same make as the defibrillators currently outside the Civic Hall and in the other two phone boxes.

Members noted that the funds for installation are available and BT will maintain the electricity supply for 7 years.

**RESOLVED: That the purchase of two defibrillators at a cost of £2,650 is approved (NC)**

10. Receive a report from the Clerk on the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group

The Clerk spoke on the written report on the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group. Members agreed that Bradley Environmental, the company who completed the original asbestos report and are familiar with the building and on that basis proposed approval of the quote received for the asbestos management plan. The Clerk confirmed that the risk register will be included as part of the report.

**RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group is received. That the report is accepted and the recommendations within the report approved. That the quote received is approved (NC)**

11. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups

a) Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

The Leader, Cllr Berry confirmed that there were no developments to report.

**RESOLVED: That Mr Carmichael is approached to join the Village Accessibility Task and Finish Group (NC)**

b) Poynton Heritage Garden

The Link, Cllr Mrs Horsman reported the following:

- A new rota for planting has been implemented.
- Fundraising plans have been identified.
- The grant submission to Cheshire East Council was unsuccessful.
- Taking over a bed from Cheshire East Council is being investigated.

Cllr Mrs Horsman provided land ownership documentation to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED: That the report on the Poynton Heritage Garden is received (NC)**

c) Shared Space

The Leader, Cllr Smith spoke on the written report received by Members. Some members expressed frustration about the poor state and deterioration of the Shared Space area. A member explained that the Shared Space was the first of its kind and there was no money included for mitigation. The Shared Space is expensive to maintain. It was noted that the Clerk has written to Cheshire East Council on the condition of the road outside the Baptist Church on Park Lane. The Operations Manager has pursued the utilities company with regard to follow up work by Panache. The condition of the resin bonding is poor. The Chair stated that Cheshire East Council should maintain the area in safe condition until the Poynton Relief Road is built.

**RESOLVED: That the report on the Shared Space from Cllr Smith, subject to minor typographic amendments, is received. That a letter is**

sent again to Cheshire East Council with regard to the blocked gully outside the Panache, the road defect by the bus stop near the Panache and also heading towards Hazel Grove by the old bus stop; the three areas that need to be made safe. That Poynton Town Council write to Cheshire East Council and ask for these areas of concerns to be repaired because previous repairs have been unsuccessful. That the letter to Cheshire East Council includes reference to the training programme for the Shared Space repairs (NC)

d) S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy  
Cllr Podmore reported that there is about £3,000 of funds remaining for Barnaby Park. There is a list of projects required to be compiled for Cheshire East Council.

**RESOLVED: That the report on S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy is received (NC)**

12. Receive and consider the process for S106 and CIL decisions

**RESOLVED: That the process for S106 and CIL decisions is received (NC)**

13. Review and reapprove the remits for the S106 and CIL Working Group and the Shared Space Working Group

The following amendments were agreed:

- To add the extra sentence with regard to membership.
- To amend the name of the Clerk and include titles of officers only.

**RESOLVED: That the remits for the S106 and CIL Working Group and the Shared Space Working Group, subject to the agreed amendments, are approved (NC)**

14. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the communication message states the funds awarded from the community clean-up grant funds was approved (NC)**

Meeting end time: 9.50pm

Chair.....

Dated.....